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SUBJECT: THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION UNDER HEAVY
CRITICISM

1. PRAVDA MARCH 18 PUBLISHED A SEVERE CRITIQUE OF THE
MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC)
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ACCORDING TO THE CC, THE MINISTRY
HAS BEEN REMISS IN ITS WORK WITH THE LEADING AND ENGINEER-
ING-TECHNICAL CADRES. AMONG ITS SHORTCOMINGS, ARE FAILURE
TO (A) ENSURE THE USE OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE MANAGERIAL
AND CONSTRUCTION METHODS; (B) PREVENT CONSIDERABLE PERSON-
NEL TURNOVER OR (C) RAISE THE LEVEL OF CADRE SKILLS. THE
CC INDICATES THAT THIS NEGLIGENCE HAS RESULTED IN THE
FAILURE TO FULFILL THE STATE PLAN AND TO COMMISSION MANY
PROJECTS AND MUCH PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY, ALTHOUGH IT DOES
NOT INDICATE WHICH PERIOD UNDERFULFILLMENT ENCOMPASSES.
IT REMINDS THE MINISTRY THAT IT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ITS
MANAGERIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES IN COMPLETING THE MOST
IMPORTANT PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE INDUSTRIAL,
AGRICULTURAL AND SOCIAL SECTORS. IT OBLIGATES THE
MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION KARAVAEV AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER
FOR CADRES PANFILOV TO UNDERTAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES
TO IMPROVE WORK WITH CADRES.

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2. COMMENT: BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: ALTHOUGH THE
CRITIQUE IS COUCHED IN CUSTOMARY FORM, IT ADDS CONSIDER-
ABLE SHARPNESS TO THE DEMANDS FOR PROGRESS IN INCREASING
PRODUCTIVITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. EARLIER
DISCUSSIONS (FOR EXAMPLE CHAIRMAN OF GOSPLAN BAYKOV'S
SPEECH ON THE 1978 PLAN, PUBLISHED IN IZVESTIYA DECEMBER
14 AND A PRAVDA ARTICLE ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

FEBRUARY 28 HAVE RECOMMENDED APPROACHES FOR INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY AND STRESSED THAT FULFILLMENT OF THE PLAN DEPENDS IN LARGE MEASURE ON SUCH INCREASES. THUS, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S CRITIQUE SUGGESTS THAT THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION MAY ALREADY BE BEHIND IN FULFILLING THE 1978 PLAN. IF TRUE, THIS COULD COMPOUND THE LAG IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE FOR THE FIVE YEAR PLAN, SINCE BAYKOV INDICATED THAT THE MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION OF HEAVY INDUSTRY ENTERPRISES AND THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION FULFILLED ONLY 87 PERCENT OF THE 1977 PLAN FOR COMPLETION OF PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. END COMMENT.

3. A DETAILED AIRGRAM ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS FOLLOWS. TOON

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